

Philadelphia, PA— Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) voiced his support for renewable resources and green energy jobs, and their benefit to our economy, at a Camp MoveOn event attended by more than 150 active citizens. Congressman Sestak, who received a perfect 100 % scorecard from PennEnvironment for his record on environmental voting, has been an outspoken supporter of bringing green jobs into his district and has emphasized the importance of moving toward a green economy. The camp is run in cities across the country to help develop leadership and organizing skills. — “Our state has benefited immensely from the investments in clean energy that companies like Iberdola, Conergy and Gamesa have made,” said the Congressman. “In addition to their role in benefiting our environment, companies like these have created hundreds of new jobs. The innovation demonstrated by these businesses is what our country needs to help steer this economy in a new direction.”

The Congressman, who sent a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi urging her to add stricter renewable energy standards to the American Clean Energy and Security Act, spoke further about the importance of incentivizing the use of renewable resources. He noted that in 2006 alone, the renewable energy and efficiency industries generated 8.5 million jobs and nearly \$970 billion in revenue in the United States.

“While increasing energy efficiency standards is an essential piece of fighting global warming, investments in clean, renewable energy, such as solar and wind power, are truly the future of the green economy,” said the Congressman. “As importantly, developing renewables will decrease America’s dependency on foreign energy sources.”

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of “Deep Blue,” the Navy’s anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the “Global War on Terrorism.” He served as President Clinton’s Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*